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This submission is in response to your letter of February 4, 2005 in connection with the committee's 2004 Post-General Report. Please note that the committee's accounting and reporting functions are in a state of transition since our comptroller during the 2004 campaign season is no longer employed by the committee and is not available to assist in the preparation of this response. Therefore, the committee will need additional time to prepare a full response to and file an amended report in connection with this inquiry. However, the committee will attempt to address those questions that it is prepared to answer at this time. Thank you for your understanding.

Q 1 - 4 - Amended reports are in the process of preparation. The amended report will be filed with the Commission shortly. Please note that the anonymous contributions were not in excess of \$50 and the report will be amended to move these receipts to Line 11(a)(ii).

Q5. The committee received \$1,043.00 back from Selective Insurance as a result of a workers comp audit return premium. The following are disbursements to Selective Insurance were made by the committee:

Date- 1/15/04

Ck# -11879 Insurance Premium \$332.00

Date- 1/15/04

Ck #- 11879 Worker's Compensation Insurance Premium

\$281.00

Date-2/26/04

Ck# 11941- Business Insurance \$332.00

Date-2/26/04

Ck#11941 Workers Compensation \$281.00

Date 3/24/04

Ck# 11988 Business Insurance \$324.00

Date 3/24/04

Ck# 11988 Workers Compensation \$282.00

In August we switched insurance companies to West Bend Mutual Insurance Co.

Q6. Please note that payments disclosed on Schedule F on behalf of Russ Feingold were disclosed in error. In fact, payments made on Schedule F were volunteer exempt mail and should have been disclosed on Line 30(b). Further note that payments to the Strategy Group were for volunteer mail on behalf of John Kerry.

Q7. The committee continues to research the legality of these contributions. Please note that the contribution from Sandro, Inc. was refunded to the donor on March 7, 2005.

Q8. The committee has refunded \$5,000 to Grant Abert on March 7, 2005.

Q9. The committee believes that each of these expenditures were properly disclosed on Line 30(b) and that none of the activities are required to be allocated to a particular federal candidate on Lines 23, 34 or 25. Additional clarifying information will be provided shortly.

Q10. The committee is researching the particulars of this activity and will provide more information shortly. However, the committee would like to point out that this literature was distributed by hand and therefore, is not public communication. Accordingly, treatment of these activities as an exempt activity is unnecessary. The committee will clarify whether the activity meets the definition of any Federal Election Activity shortly.

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Q11. The descriptions will be clarified on an amended report filed with the Commission shortly.

Q12. Expenses for Catering Staff Event, Event Catering Expenses, Event Venue Fees, Event Venue Rental, Facility Rental Staff Event, Facility Use Rental, Surrogate Event Food, and Surrogate Event Venue Rental were ordinary operating expenses of the committee and were not made on behalf of any particular federal candidate.

Q13. Funds received from the DNC were segregated from other federal funds and were not used for any exempt activities. Payments for Doorhanger Design and Production were not public communications and were not required to meet the requirements of exempt activities. Notwithstanding, the activities would have met all the requirements of exempt activities.

Q14. Amended reports will properly disclose the names of PAC contributions.

Q15. The committee continues to use best efforts to obtain occupation and employer. The amended report will disclose obtained occupation and employers for contributors. Further, the committee:

1. Clearly asks for the missing information, without soliciting a contribution
2. Informs the contributor of the requirements of federal law for the reporting of such information, and
3. When the request is written, includes a pre-addressed return envelope.

Additional, the DPW has a policy of 1.) telephone contact followed by 2.) a written request for information, including a pre-addressed return envelope on a two week cycle, every two weeks for all contribution records lacking full identification, including full name, mailing address, occupation and name of employer.